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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

I have two younger brothers who are developmentally disabled. They both work off site under the supervision of support staff. They both enjoy this and look forward to going to work. They used to be gone eight hours a day five days a week. This was reduced to six hours. Then to four days a week. Then to three days a week. Now it is being reduced to four and a half hours a day three days per week. They can not find enough support staff to cover more hours and more days of work for my brothers so they set at home when they would rather be out working like other people do. The state advocate for these individuals to be out working in normal settings. They also require a certain ratio of staff to clients, but then do not supply those individual staff members required. The system is breaking down unfortunately.

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